ECFS - Email Filing <PROCEEDING>96-45 <DATE>02/08/2005 <NAME>Stanley Schleif <ADDRESS1>40174 Teal Road <ADDRESS2> <CITY>Wahkon <STATE>MN <ZIP>56386 <LAW-FIRM> <ATTORNEY> <FILE-NUMBER> <DOCUMENT-TYPE> RC <PHONE-NUMBER> <DESCRIPTION> <CONTACT-EMAIL>woodduck@ecenet.com <TEXT>I am a retired senior on a fixed income. My family lives out of state. I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! My ability to keep in touch with my family at a cost that's reasonable is very important to me. I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone to contact family and for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

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